

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/785,282

Applicant(s)

BOWDEN, ET AL.

Examiner

VIJAY SHANKAR

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Examiner's Amendment on 5-18-2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 21-28, 30-33, and 35-36, Renumbered as 1-14.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 2-24-2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

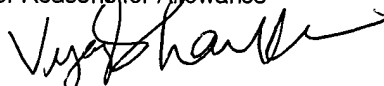
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 2-24-2004
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with 5-18-2005 on Aslam Jaffery.

2. The application has been amended as follows: 1) Cancel Claims 29 and 34.

2) In Specification, on page 1, line 4, insert, "This application is a CON of 09/004,710, filed on 01/07/1998, now U.S. Patent 6,717,567.

2) Claim 21 (Amended) A system **for displaying digital pictures**, comprising:
a frame having a frame body, the frame body shaped, dimensioned, and having an appearance of a conventional still picture frame;
a wireless receiver disposed inside the frame body to receive pictures;
a display co-located with the wireless receiver and framed by the *frame body* to render the pictures;
a processor coupled with the frame, the processor to control the receiving and *rendering* of the pictures, and having a unique identifier to uniquely identify the frame; and
a remote source to provide picture information to the frame, and to provide the unique identifier with the picture information to allow selective

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configuration of the pictures, the selective configuration including uniquely identifying intended recipients of the picture information using the *unique* identifier, and a non-volatile memory coupled with the wireless receiver to store *the* digital picture.

3) Claim 28 (Amended) An apparatus **for displaying digital pictures**, comprising:
a frame having a frame body, the frame body shaped, dimensioned, and having an appearance of a conventional still picture frame;
a processor coupled with the frame, the processor to control receiving and rendering of pictures, and having a unique identifier to uniquely identify the frame;
a remote source to provide picture information to the frame, and to provide the unique identifier with the picture information to allow selective configuration of the pictures, the selective configuration including uniquely identifying intended recipients of the picture information using the unique identifier; **and**
a wireless receiver disposed inside the frame body to receive the pictures.

4) Claim 32 (Amended) A method **for displaying digital pictures**, comprising:

distributing a frame having a frame body shaped, dimensioned, and

having an appearance of a conventional still picture frame, the frame to

receive and render pictures, **wherein the receiving of the pictures is**

performed using a wireless receiver disposed inside the frame

body;

controlling the receiving and rendering of the pictures using a processor coupled

with the frame, the processor having a unique identifier to uniquely

identify the frame; and

providing picture information to the frame via a remote source, and further

providing the unique identifier with the picture information to allow

selective configuration of the pictures, the selective configuration

including uniquely identifying intended recipients of the picture

information using the unique identifier.

Terminal Disclaimer

3. The terminal disclaimer filed on 3-21-2005 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. 6,717,567 B1 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 21-28, 30-33, and 35-36 are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 21-28, 30-33, 35-36 are allowable as pointed out by applicant in the terminal disclaimer filed on 3-21-2005. The prior arts Throckmorton et al (5,818,441) and Jacklin (6,396,472) fails to teach a system for displaying digital pictures, comprising: a frame having a frame body, the frame body shaped, dimensioned, and having an appearance of a conventional still picture frame; a wireless receiver disposed inside the frame body to receive pictures; a display co-located with the wireless receiver and framed by the frame body to render the pictures; a processor coupled with the frame, the processor to control the receiving and rendering of the pictures, and having a unique identifier to uniquely identify the frame; and a remote source to provide picture information to the frame, and to provide the unique identifier with the picture information to allow selective configuration of the pictures, the selective configuration including uniquely identifying intended recipients of the picture information using the unique identifier, and a non-volatile memory coupled with the wireless receiver to store the digital picture.

The closest prior art, Throckmorton et al (5,818,441) and Jacklin (6,396,472), either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

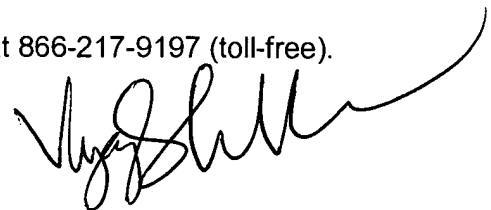
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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VIJAY SHANKAR whose telephone number is (571) 272-7682. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, BIPIN SHALWALA can be reached on (571) 272-7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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